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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No.	: 09/897,823
Applicant(s)	: Gregory Ashton, et al.
Filed	: 06/29/2001
Title	: Disposable Absorbent Garment Having Highly Extensible Leg Openings
TC/A.U.	: 3743
Examiner	: Amanda R. Flynn
Conf. No.	: 9706
Docket No.	: 8618
Customer No.	: 27752

1. No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
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